Winterport Business Association Meeting Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2009 Main Street, Winterport, Maine

Meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Introductions of those members in attendance was conducted:

Tammy Higgins, TG Higgins Business Services – <u>Association Treasurer</u>
Deb Newman, Maine Bytes – <u>Association President</u>
Joe Brooks, TG Higgins Business Services
Ann Ronco, Old Winterport Commercial House – <u>Association Secretary</u>

It was confirmed that Creative Catering will be doing the food at the Annual Meeting in June. Ann will contact them to be sure everything is set.

Deb will be sure to put on the association's website that the annual meeting will be catered. Hopefully this will attract more people to attend. Also, Deb will remind Phil to get the notice on the town board.

The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed as well as a proposed budget.

The upcoming election of officers was discussed.

It was decided that a brochure of some sort needs to be done so we can use this hand out for different events such as at the Winterport Music Festival. Ann will develop something and show the board for approval. Speaking of the music festival, it was suggested a schedule be made for members to man the table that the association is going to have there. That way someone is there to answer any questions people may have about what the association is doing or about joining the association.

The article that was in The Edge needs to be copied and brought to different events that we will be attending (again, such as the music festival.) There will also be copies of this at the annual meeting.

It was suggested that we need to develop a membership form that prospective businesses can download off of the website or is available at our meetings. Ann will be working on this.

Deb made mentioned that she has been getting responses to the survey asking area businesses if there was a better time to have association meetings. Responses are still coming in but a lot of people requested a later meeting time such as 6-7 p.m. instead of 5:15-6:15 p.m. Also, there has been some interest from the Frankfort businesses to have something nearer to them. It was decided to ask if any of the Frankfort businesses would like to host a Business After Hours.

Tammy will be sending an email as a reminder to businesses about dues and also giving them an address as to where to send their dues to.

Deb is going to call Dr. Hersey to see if he still would like to do the next Business After Hours which is scheduled to take place sometime in June.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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